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SAYS SHOOTING WAS ACCIDENTAL

D.V. Monroe Makes Statement Covering His Side Of Marguerite Ellis Case.

CLAIMS GIRL JERKED PISTOL

Lindsay Defendant Believed That Resort Keeper Had His Money So Flashed Gun.

D. V. Monroe, the Lindsay merchant charged with shooting Marguerite Ellis in a resort on West California last December, today for the first time broke the silence that has sealed his lips and told the story of the shooting. Monroe says it was accidental, and that he was only trying to frighten Grace Good, the keeper of the house, into giving him back the money that had been extracted from his pocket, said to have been between \$700 and \$800.

Detailing the story of the shooting, Monroe says that after he missed his pocketbook he called Grace Good into Marguerite Ellis' room and said to the woman: "Give me my money."

"As I walked into this room I pulled my pistol," Monroe says in the statement filed in court today. "I directed it toward Grace Good. Marguerite Ellis was standing east of me, to my right. As I pointed the gun toward Grace Good, who was standing north in the door, and as I was telling her to give up my money, Marguerite Ellis reached out her left hand, grabbed the pistol and jerked it from her left side. The pistol was discharged."

Meant to Intimidate.

"At the time I pointed the pistol to ward Grace Good my intention was to make her give me back my pocketbook. I had no intention of shooting her at that time, but having seen her place what I thought was my pocketbook in the stocking in the hall, that was the reason I made her come back to the front of the room."

The shooting of Marguerite Ellis was purely accidental. I had no thought or purpose in shooting her.

After I pointed the gun at Grace Good and when the same was discharged, Grace Good ran. Knowing she had my pocketbook I followed immediately and she ran down the stairs. As she ran down I saw her tumbling.

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WAR STRIKES HOME

A. A. Donaldson Has Received News of the Death at the Front of Marion Robinson, His Nephew.

M. A. A. Donaldson, of 19 East Eighth street, has received word that his nephew, Marion Robinson of Gladwyne, Canada, had been killed in a recent battle in Europe. No particulars could be learned of his death.

The boy was only twenty years old and moved with his parents to Canada six years ago from Wesley, Iowa. Soon after the war broke out he enlisted in the British army. No direct news was heard of him until his death was posted.

THE WAR AFFECTS EIGHT POSTAL EMPLOYES HERE

Owing to insufficient appropriations by the treasury department for the custodial forces in the federal buildings, most of the men will receive a lay-off to cut down expenses. Eight men are affected in the Oklahoma City federal building, the engineer, fireman, elevator operator and five janitors. Each man will receive a lay-off for nine months in view of a summer's rest.

CHINESE UPHELD BY THE ENGLISH

Weakness of Nation Allows Jap to Do Great Wrong is Editorial Opinion of London Paper.

LONDON, May 6.—The Daily News today publishes an editorial article on the Chinese situation which reads in part:

"It would not be easy to parallel such demands from one power to another as Japan has made on China. In many respects they are more stringent than the Austrian demands upon Serbia, which led to the European war, and China has done nothing to incur such a penalty. She offered no menace to Japan and she wanted only to enjoy her own liberties in her own way."

If China had been a military nation she never would have been thus challenged. She had neither the will nor the power to take an unfriendly and irreconcilable course toward her powerful neighbor and it is grotesque to suggest she is responsible for the officers to seize a shipment.

THE SHOCK OF IT—ENCOURAGES GUM HABIT

Those who do much reading at the Carnegie library now have a chance to relax their jaws and render material aid in breaking the silence which usually reigns behind the long rows of scientific volumes. An enterprising agent has gained permission to install a gum machine on the librarian's desk, and it is fast becoming one of the most popular features of the library. Drop in a penny, and a big gob of fresh white gum comes tumbling down into your hand, which is expected to help while away the tedious hours and at the same time establish a sort of comradeship and interest in common feeling between the book worms.

DECROYED BY A WOMAN

Alleged Bootlegger Caught Transporting Liquor Through Phone Order of Police Bell Wether.

James Taggart, alleged bootlegger, fell for a foisted order which was framed up by Chief of Police Nichols last night. The chief, suspecting Taggart of dealing in liquor, prevailed on a woman to call from the station to Taggart's headquarters, asking that he deliver an order of liquor to a certain place. That Taggart agreed with the exact amount of the order was agreed. He is held on a charge of reappearing.

NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED FOR ALLEN. LIFE-TIMER

Notice was filed in the office of Court Clerk Beatty today that an appeal to the supreme court will be taken in the case of Robert Allen, convicted of murder, in the superior court and sentenced December 11 to life imprisonment.

TRAFFIC MAN ON DRY GOODS BOX

Nearly Two Inches of Rain Have Fallen Yesterday and Up to 3:30 This Afternoon—Downpour General.

"Nice weather for ducks" was the customary salutation on the streets of Oklahoma City today, and probably on the streets of many other places, for the weather man says the rains are general over the state. Nearly two inches of rain fell yesterday and today, and the people are beginning to cry enough.

Many planks were played by the currents which are beginning to be a familiar sight in the streets and gutters. In one place down town a great hole was being washed out under the pavement, and a hasty call was sent in for a wagon load of sacked sand to stop the excavation. Some unknown gentleman Sir Walter Raleigh where the street by the Pioneer Telephone building was flooded, and picked up a protesting young woman and ferried her across the foaming torrent.

The hotels were packed all day with a damp, but cheerful crowd, waiting their chances to slip on without getting wet. Planks bridged most of the downtown gutters except where the streets were completely submerged. One traffic officer who braved the downpour obtained a small dry goods box, from which point of vantage he directed the sprawling wagons and half drowned motors.

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INSIDE HISTORY OF BANK FIGHT

W. B. Harrison In Interview Relates Processes By Which K.C. Alliance Was Secured

PATIENCE, PAINS REWARDED

Petition Drafted Early in 1914 Was Most Wonderful Document in the Contest.

GOVERNOR IS TAKING A PEEP

His Visit to Penitentiary Today Is Subject of Deal of Conjecture Among Politicians and Henchmen.

Is there anything going on at McAlester? Is the governor there to investigate some of the numerous charges that have been made against Warren Dick?

These are questions in the minds of those about the state offices to-day and there is believed to be a possibility that something may happen in a short time. Governor Williams is in McAlester today "to look through the penitentiary." It is stated, but beyond that no statement as to the purpose of his visit is made.

Lately there has been a great deal of talk about the penitentiary and about the warden. He is not an appointee of Governor Williams, having held over from the former administration. The latest accusation was made by a guard at one time employed at the penitentiary and who was there at the time of the tragedy when a number of prisoners escaped and seven persons were killed.

Although Governor Williams himself has made no statement, it is generally understood that he is not satisfied with the work of Warden Dick.

The charge that affairs at the penitentiary are conducted in a loose manner has spread all over the state and just now there is a great deal of surmising as to what the governor is going to do about it.

PRODUCERS GET INCREASE FOR CROPS IN MARCH

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The level of prices paid American producers for principal crops increased during March about 0.2 per cent., according to the department of agriculture. The average price of meat animals—hogs, cattle, sheep and chickens on March 15 was \$6.40 per 100 pounds against \$7.37 a year ago.

BOTHERS MAIL CLERKS

Excessive Rainfall Causes Additional Work at Postoffice, Caused by Complicated Detouring.

Willard Reported to Have Become Feature Attraction With Wild West Show for Big Sum.

Word has been received in Oklahoma City that Tom Jones, manager of Jess Willard, king of pugilists, has contracted with the "Old Wild West show" to exhibit Willard and himself as a feature attraction for the remainder of the season for \$1,000 a day.

Rumors that Big Jess was considering a deal whereby he would go with the oil show until October 1, were heard in Oklahoma City when the Willard company was here. Tom Jones said at that time that it was doubtful whether an agreement would be reached. Jones said he believed Willard, who has been working hard daily for nine months was in need of a summer's rest.

SNOW-BOUND CAMPERS RESCUED NEARLY STARVED

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